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SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF PHIL-TAIWAN COMMERCIAL TROPO LEASE

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1. REFTEL REQUESTS EMBASSY MANILA TO ADVISE ON POSSIBLE GOP REACTION TO CANCELLATION OF 12 CHANNEL COMMERCIAL TROPO LEASE.

2. PHILIPPINE TROPO FACILITY IS OPERATED BY OCEANIC WIRELESS WHICH IS OWNED 60 PERCENT BY PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, AND 20 PERCENT EASTERN WIRELESS AND 20 PERCENT WESTERN UNION INTERNATIONAL. POTCO IS OWNED BY GOP AMBASSADOR ROBERTO BENEDICTO AND NIETO AFRICA, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CLOSE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS.

3. DCA LEASE OF 12 CHANNELS FROM OCEANIC REPRESENTS MAJOR CAPACITY OF THAT PHILIPPINE OPERATOR. CANCELLTION OF LEASE WOULD CERTAINLY BE RECEIVED WITH LESS THAN JOYOUS EXPRESSION FROM OCEANIC. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO POTENTIAL OR NEW USERS OF RELEASED CHANNELS. IN ANY CASE, OCEANIC HAS FULLY AMORTIZED ITS INVESTMENT IN THE TROPO FACILITY, AND DCA CANCELLATION MAY RESULT IN SHIFTING OPERATIONS FROM
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4. WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR
INTERESTS AND, TO MITIGATE ADVERSE REACTION, EXPLAIN IT
IN TERMS OF ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND INTEGRATION OF MILITARY
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